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Public testimony for the Insurance and Real Estate Committee.

I, Jesse Yeager, oppose the proposed legislation that is being discussed today, March 19, 2013. For the record, the legislation is as followed:

• H.B. No. 6656 (RAISED) INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE. 'AN ACT CONCERNING LIABILITY INSURANCE FOR FIREARM POSSESSORS OR OWNERS', to require any person who possesses or owns a firearm to procure and maintain excess personal liability insurance and self defense insurance, and to require the Insurance Commissioner to adopt regulations to implement the provisions of this section.

The reason I oppose this proposal is because this will cause an undue financial burden on law abiding gun owners.

The Second Amendment is a right guaranteed by the US Constitution. No citizen should be forced to pay a fee of any kind to exercise their rights guaranteed by the US Constitution. The State of Connecticut already imposes unconstitutional fees upon pistol permit applicants and owners. Strike down this bill and do not let it proceed.